



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 6556.0039

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
John POLK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2165  
Application No.: 10/043,493 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: January 14, 2002 ) Confirmation No.: 9208  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR )  
PROVIDING A PAYMENT SYSTEM )  
OVER A NETWORK )

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on January 14, 2002. To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action on the merits.

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 23, 2005

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